

HANDSOME CLOCK FOR A. P. HILL CAMP

It Will Be Presented by Northern Veterans of Massachusetts.

CEREMONIES TO-MORROW

Gift Made Following Unveiling of Monument in Petersburg.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
5 Hollingsbrook Street,
Petersburg, Va. (Telephone 1483)
A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans has been called in special meeting for Thursday night to receive from the hands of the Massachusetts Veterans a token of appreciation of the unveiling of the Massachusetts monument here on November 13. The token is a very handsome brass clock, mounted upon a brass pedestal, approximately two and a half feet long, standing about one and a half feet high, and is a beautiful sample of the clocksmith's art. It bears the following inscription:

"Presented to
A. P. Hill Camp,
United Confederate Veterans,
by
Members of the Massachusetts State
Delegation
Attending the dedication of the
Massachusetts Monument,
At Petersburg, Va.,
November 13, 1911.
Brave minds, however at war, are
secret friends;
Their generous discord with the battle
ends;
In peace they wonder whence disunion
rose,
And ask how souls so like could ever
be foes."

The clock will be presented to the camp by Colonel Robert E. Greene, of Governor Foss's staff, himself a native Virginian, and will be accepted by Commander Chiles. The occasion will be one of unusual interest.

To Practice in Petersburg.
The Newark, N. J., baseball team has secured the baseball park in this city for the spring practice, and a contract to that end has been signed with the Petersburg Club. The Newark team is composed of twenty men, who will report in Petersburg on March 13, and will go into training until March 29, leaving on the 29th to begin its regular schedule of games. Manager Heine Busch, of the Petersburg team, will have his men report early to get the benefit of training with a higher class team.

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Christmas Weddings.
Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, on South Street, the Rev. J. K. Joffitt officiating, Miss May Alice James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. James, was married to Ransom Holm, a well known young business man of the city. The wedding was a pretty home event, with many friends present.

This morning at 4 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, on West Washington Street, the Rev. F. W. Moore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, officiating, Miss Myrtle Howard Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rogers, was married to Sterling Ernest Davis, a young business man. Miss Pauline Rogers, sister of the bride, played the wedding march, and the attendants as best man and matron of honor were Mr. and Mrs. William Raftery. The couple left for the North on a bridal trip.

Two marriage licenses were issued from the clerk's office to-day, a singular coincidence in each case being that the last names of bride and bridegroom are the same.

Miss Helen Harvey and Thomas Key Clash were married at noon to-day at the residence of the Rev. George H. McFadden in Richmond.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of J. C. Rowell on Shepard Street by the Rev. J. K. Joffitt, Miss Pearl India Brittle, of this city, sister of Mrs. Rowell, was united in marriage to Addison Samuel Brittle, of Southampton county. Only a few intimate friends were present.

Sent to the Grand Jury.
After examination in the Police Court this morning William Smith and John Marks, white men, were sent on to the grand jury for indictment for robbery from the person of Saturday as T. C. Carter, a resident of Commerce Street, was coming out of a store on Hollingsbrook Street, one of the men is alleged to have familiarly thrown his arms around him, while the other grabbed Mr. Carter's watch from his pocket, breaking it from the chain. The watch was subsequently found in Marks's possession.

Heavy Sentence for Negro.
Simon Walker, a negro, of bad reputation, got a heavy sentence in the Police Court this morning. Simon is a frequent offender of the Police Court. Twice he has been fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for carrying a pistol, and has been warned against the practice. Saturday night he got into trouble with and assaulted a colored woman at the lower station, for which he was arrested. But he resisted the officer making the arrest and drew a pistol on him. The justice this morning fined him \$100 and sentenced him to jail for six months for carrying the pistol, ninety days more for resisting the officer and sixty days more for assaulting the woman.

Hand Blown Off.
James Walker, colored, in celebrating Christmas last evening on South Avenue, was too careless with a big cannon cracker. He lighted the fuse, but before he could throw it from him it exploded and so shattered and lacerated his hand that it had to be amputated at the wrist. The unfortunate man was hurried to the hospital, where the amputation was performed by Dr. H. A. Burke.

Married in Washington.
John T. Evans, eldest son of City Sergeant John B. Evans, was married in Washington to-day to Miss Blanche Cameron, of this city. The couple left Petersburg on an early train this morning. The bridegroom is a well-known young man, an employee of the British-American Company. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cameron.

Death of Young Man.
Samuel Humlin, aged eighteen years, son of Mrs. Nannie Humlin, of Blandford, died yesterday afternoon, after a long period of ill health. He was survived by his mother, two brothers and three sisters.

Interesting Presentation.
Marcus Bull, superintendent of the Southern Express Company in this city, was the recipient yesterday of a handsome writing leather traveling bag, a Christmas present from the employees of his office. The present was a surprise to the superintendent, who expressed his thanks to each individual donor in person.

Stealing From Salvation Army.
Myron T. Perdue was arrested this morning and held for trial on the charge of stealing from the Salvation Army. Perdue came with his wife and five children in poverty some time ago, was befriended by Adjutant Woods, and employment secured for him to earn a living for his family. While working for the Army, he was alleged to have taken things that had been donated to the Army, and even took things in the way of clothing belonging to the adjutant. The case will be heard in the Police Court to-morrow.

Pythian Election.
At the regular meeting of Eureka Lodge, No. 64, Knights of Pythias, last night, the following officers were elected:

Chancellor: Commander, R. R. King; Vice-Chancellor: E. Hardy; Prelate: James B. Colwell; Keeper of R. and S. Frank A. Owens; Master of Finance: A. D. Lockett; Master of Exchequer: J. A. Alfriend; Master at Arms: Joseph L.

Moody; Inside Guard, B. F. Brown, Jr.; Outside Guard, W. T. Traylor; Representative to Grand Lodge, V. B. Warren; Alternate, W. L. Ennis; District Grand Chancellor, F. A. Owen; Trustees: V. B. Warren, T. H. Wright and W. L. Ennis.

Daughters of Liberty Elect.
Virginia Dore Council, Daughters of Liberty, last night elected the following officers, and will install them next Monday night:

Councilor, Miss Juliette Wood; Assistant Councilor, Mrs. Emma F. Moore; Vice-Councilor, Mrs. Ora Nunnally; Assistant Vice-Councilor, Mrs. Fannie Eanes; Guard, Mrs. Mollie Heath; Recording Secretary, A. W. W. Bryan; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Magale Elder; Treasurer, Miss Mary P. Ivey; Inner Guard, J. W. Cook; Outer Guard, C. G. Hudson; Trustee, Mrs. Fannie Eanes.

Personal and General.
Mrs. Maude L. Evans, of this city, who has been in ill health for a year, died yesterday at the home of her mother, in Richmond. The body will be brought here to-morrow for burial, and the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burgess had a family reunion yesterday at the home on Harrison Street. Children and grandchildren were present from Petersburg, Norfolk and Richmond.

The Hustings Court met to-day, but transacted no business. The docket will probably go over to the January term.

Telegraph Operator Graves, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was shot in the leg near Clifton last night by a negro, who escaped. Mr. Graves's injury is not serious.

SLERP'S ROMANCE ENDS IN WEDDING

Virginia Congressman Goes to New Orleans and Claims His Bride.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New Orleans, La., December 25.—Congressman Campbell Bascom Slerp, of Big Stone Gap, representing the Ninth Virginia District in Congress, and his daughter, Miss Myrtle Howard Rogers, were married here at 5 o'clock this evening. The ceremony was performed at Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. William A. Barr, officiating. It was the ending of a romance between the Virginia Congressman and the fair daughter of Louisiana, which has its conception at Virginia Hot Springs two years ago.

Miss Barton is a charming Louisiana girl, and comes from a family long associated with the development of Ascension Parish. She is the daughter of Mrs. E. H. Barton, a family holding some of the largest sugar estates on the bayou.

Shortly before 5 o'clock the party entered a large automobile at the St. Charles Hotel and went to Christ Church Cathedral, where all was in waiting. Mrs. Sims, sister of the bride, gave her away in marriage while Miss Emmett was maid of honor and Miss Louise A. Yarr was bridesmaid. E. D. Armstrong was best man and Raymond Martinez was groomsmen.

After the ceremony of the Episcopal church a wedding supper was served. Congressman and Mrs. Slerp will arrive in Washington in time for the reopening of Congress.

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EXPENSE FIGURES IN OPPOSITION

Pepper's Plan to Increase Pay of National Guard Subornly Opposed.

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Hay Measure May Go Through, but Faces Hard Fight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, D. C., December 25.—Along with the "Hay" bill, which will be presented to the House for consideration soon after the holidays, will come the "Pepper" bill, the latter providing for better pay for the organized militia of the United States. The first named bill, introduced and fathered by Congressman James Hay, of Virginia, is being stubbornly opposed because among other reasons, it would cause 7,000 men either to enlist or be thrown out of employment, and at the same time cause a consolidation of the commissary, the quartermaster's and the paymaster's departments, in the army, which by many persons is not at all favored.

Supporters Confident.
The "Pepper" bill, like the "Hay" bill, was introduced at the last session of Congress by Representative Pepper, of Iowa. The supporters of the measure are sanguine, while its opponents are just as certain that they will be able to administer to it an effective dose of congressional pigeon-hole treatment, which makes death slow, but certain.

This bill for Federal pay to the national guard or organized militia is intended to allow guardsmen a small sum for attending drills and devoting their time to the work of the guard. The total cost to the country at the outset would be, it is estimated, about \$4,000,000. This would increase considerably later on, depending upon the degree of efficiency of the national guard and upon the extent to which the guardsmen would attend stated drills under present conditions. It is found almost impossible to get the men to attend the drills, and the result of such a condition is that each year when inspections are made many unsatisfactory reports are turned in to the higher authorities.

Up to the present time no particular interest has been shown in this bill by Southern troops, but since the present session began many letters have been received by members of the House from that section urging them to use their best efforts in favor of the measure. There are a number of representatives from the Southern States, however, who are opposed to the bill, and say that they will not support it. One reason why it will meet with opposition now is that since the passage by the House of the Sherwood dollar-a-day pension bill the heads of the various committees which handle the money bills have been scratching their heads and wondering how they are to get their regular budgets through as they are, to say nothing of extra bills like that proposed by the Iowa Congressman. They say that with \$75,000,000 going out of the Federal Treasury at one time for the pension bill, and with a \$10,000,000 public building bill and one amounting to \$30,000,000 for waterway development on the coast, the serious consideration should be given before still further draining the public tills. They say also that inasmuch as the national guard is already costing the people of the United States an even \$6,000,000 every year, that it would be twice as expensive to add another \$4,000,000 to begin with, making a round \$10,000,000 very twelve months for this work alone.

Congressman Hay, through whose hands both his own bill and that of Representative Pepper must pass before they can be brought before the House, will be a central figure here after the holidays. The national guardsmen will follow his efforts to pass the two measures which would mean much to both the regular and State troops. The "Hay" bill may pass, but the chances seem slim for that of Mr. Pepper.

P. H. McG.

AUDITOR'S FIGHT NEARING CLIMAX

Johnston Will Observe Longer Hours If He Wins the Position.

Only about two weeks remains before the ending of the fight over the office of Auditor of Public Accounts, which has constituted the principal political contest in the State since the November election, and which has, in fact, engaged a part of the public attention for several months. The Legislature meets a fortnight from to-day, and probably on Thursday or Friday night of the same week the joint caucus of the Democrats of the Senate and House will be held which will settle the auditorship.

Five candidates seek the office, one of the most important and influential under the State government. One of these is Chief Clerk C. Lee Moore, who has been in the office of Auditor for twenty-seven years. Another is Colonel Eugene C. Massie, of Richmond, and in his position of a former member of the House of Delegates, he is on a footing with Charles A. Johnston, of Montgomery, and Rosewell Page, of Hanover. The remaining candidate is H. M. Darnall, of Roanoke.

No aspirant admits possible defeat. But in casting up the total of claims it is evident that some legislators have been counted more than once.

Mr. Johnston, who was here yesterday, appeared confident. He advanced a proposition which will attract some attention. It is that the public is due longer hours in the Auditor's office, and he says that if he is elected he proposes to extend the business hours in the afternoon to such a point as seems to meet the public convenience. He knows of some cases and hears of others, where persons having business to transact appear at the office after 3 o'clock, to no avail, while county officials coming to Richmond must get through by that hour or wait until the next morning.

Further than this Mr. Johnston said he did not know that he would make extensive changes in the office in the event of his election.

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CHESAPEAKE CRAB TO BE PROTECTED

Legislatures Will Be Asked to Enact Laws to Prevent Extinction.

Steps are to be urged looking to the prevention of the extinction of the green crab in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Secretary Swenson Earle, of the National Association of Shellfish Commissioners, has begun the campaign looking to suitable legislation. He believes that the wasteful methods now in vogue will soon make crabs as scarce as lobsters now are in Massachusetts waters. The following recommendations are to be made to the Legislatures of Virginia and Maryland:

To require all boats engaged in taking soft-shell or shedder crabs with scrapes to be licensed; also all boats under sail or gasoline power engaged in taking hardshell crabs with trot lines or nets.

To require all crabhouses engaged in picking, canning or shipping hard or softshell crabs to be licensed.

To prohibit the taking of egg-bearing female crabs at any and all times.

To prohibit the catching of "double-brooders" in August, September and October of each year, and the sale of soft-shelled females so obtained.

To prohibit or restrict the taking or sale of all hardshelled crabs under three and one-half inches in length from tips of shells.

Need of a Cull Law.
For the lack of a cull law Mr. Earle states that many millions undersized crabs are taken, and with the larger crabs, are thrown into the pots at the crabmeat picking houses, and being too small to pick, are thrown into the trash. Thus, many millions of crabs are uselessly destroyed for want of a cull law.

Mr. Earle believes the revenues arising from the crab licenses in excess of the expenses of carrying out the provisions of such an act should be expended in conservation.

The State laws of Virginia now prohibit the taking of the egg-bearing female crab, and also the provision for the licensing of boats and crabhouses. The Virginia Legislature will be asked to enact supplementary laws to prohibit the taking of "double-brooders" and crabs under three and one-half inches in length.

TOMB DESECRATED AND SKULL STOLEN

Remains of Founder of Serbian Dynasty Are Disturbed by Ghouls.

Vienna, December 26.—The vault in St. Mark's Cemetery, in which reposed for many years the bones of Kara-George Petrovitch, founder of the Serbian dynasty, has been desecrated. The skull of the former Serbian chief has been stolen, but the decorations and rings were not touched. The coffin of Queen Persida was not opened. There is not clue to the desecrators.

Kara-George (Black George), of George Czerny, was a peasant, born in 1766, who became in 1806 the leader of the Servians in the revolt against Turkey. He defeated the Turks, captured Belgrade and liberated Serbia. He was driven out of Serbia in 1813, and was murdered in 1817.

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COUNCIL TO JOIN IN GREAT PARADE

Will Postpone Regular Meeting to Aid Efforts of Commercial Organizations.

President, Peters, of the Common Council, yesterday instructed Sergeant-at-Arms Ruskell to notify all members that while to comply with the rules the body would be formally called to order next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, an immediate adjournment would be taken in order that the members may participate in the proposed civic parade and mass-meeting at the City Auditorium. A special message from Mayor Richardson is in the hands of City Clerk August recommending that members of the Council by their presence in a body give their support to this joint movement of the seven

civic and commercial organizations of Richmond.

The rules of the Council require a meeting on the night of the first Monday in each month, and where that falls on a legal holiday, as in this instance when next Monday is New Year's Day, the meeting must be held the following night.

In response to requests from a number of committee chairmen, Mr. Peters will suggest that adjournment be had until the following Monday night, January 3. The holiday season has greatly interfered with the regular committee schedule, and because of conflicting meetings, no meeting has been held during this month of the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform. The plan, therefore, is to call special meetings of the Committee on Ordinances, Streets and Finance during the latter part of next week in order that papers now pending before those committees may be forwarded to the January meeting of the Common Council on the following Monday night.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen have already accepted invitations to take part in the civic parade and mass-meeting next Tuesday night.

Love Sonnets of a Manicure
By Berton Braley

Author of "Love Sonnets of a Shop Girl"

Certainly this is the best rhyming stuff that was ever batted out of a typewriter. It is that right, light kind of verse that goes to your head. You want to slap some fellow on the back and tell him to go to it, too. This manicure dame is sure there with the slang and the country boob amuses her and yet—and yet—and yet. But why give the snap away when you can find out about it for yourself?

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